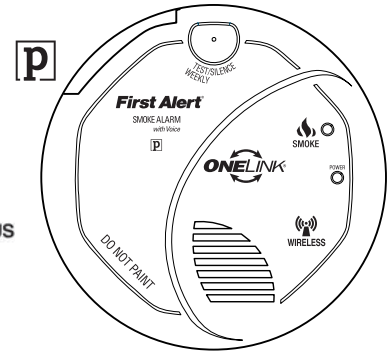
# USER'S MANUAL
## *ONE*LINK® BATTERY OPERATED SMOKE ALARM

First Alert

**Features:**
- ONELINK® Enabled
- Voice with Programmable Location
- Two Latching Features
- Optipath 360 Technology™
- Two Silence Features

Exclusive! Voice Warning! WITH LOCATION™

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**IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE.**

This user's manual contains important information about your Smoke Alarm's operation. If you are installing this Smoke Alarm for use by others, you must leave this manual—or a copy of it—with the end user.

## INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing First Alert® for your Smoke Alarm needs. You have purchased a state-of-the-art Smoke Alarm designed to provide you with early warning of a fire. ***Key features include:***

***ONELINK® Enabled.*** Alarm automatically communicates with other ONELINK® enabled alarms when installed.

***Exclusive Voice Warning with Location*** will tell you the preprogrammed location of the initiating unit and danger detected. Programmable up to 11 locations (ex. "basement"). When alarms sounds, if programmed for basement it will say "Warning, evacuate, smoke in basement" along with all other installed ONELINK® Voice alarms.

***Spread Spectrum Horn Tone.*** Lower and varying horn frequency makes it easier for elderly with normal age related hearing loss to hear horn. Sweeps through the 2200 – 3400 Hz range.

***RF Interconnect.*** Reliable and secure radio frequency communication between alarms. 915MHz frequency with 65,000 security codes and 3 channel frequency hopping.

***Optipath 360 Technology™*** provides 360 degrees of direct access to the smoke sensor.

***Single Button Test/Silence*** eliminates confusion. Depending on what mode the alarm is in, pushing the button provides different functions such as testing the alarm, silencing the alarm, re-testing the alarm when in silence and clearing the Latching features.

***Two Silence Features.*** Temporarily silence low battery chirp for up to eight hours before replacing low battery or silence an unwanted alarm for several minutes.

***Two Latching Features.*** Alarm Latch: Easily identifies initiating alarm even after alarm condition has subsided. Low Battery Latch: Identifies which unit is in low battery condition.

***Perfect Mount System*** includes a gasketless base for easy installation and a mounting bracket that keeps the alarm secure over a wide rotation range to allow for perfect alignment.

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***All First Alert® Smoke Alarms conform to regulatory requirements, including UL217 and are designed to detect particles of combustion. Smoke particles of varying number and size are produced in all fires.**

(i) Ionization technology is generally more sensitive than photoelectric technology at detecting small particles, which tend to be produced in greater amounts by flaming fires, which consume combustible materials rapidly and spread quickly. Sources of these fires may include paper burning in a wastebasket, or a grease fire in the kitchen.

(p) Photoelectric technology is generally more sensitive than ionization technology at detecting large particles, which tend to be produced in greater amounts by smoldering fires, which may smolder for hours before bursting into flame. Sources of these fires may include cigarettes burning in couches or bedding.

**For maximum protection, use both types of Smoke Alarms on each level and in every bedroom of your home.**

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## FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Follow safety rules and prevent hazardous situations:
1) Use smoking materials properly. Never smoke in bed. 2) Keep matches or lighters away from children; 3) Store flammable materials in proper containers; 4) Keep electrical appliances in good condition and don't overload electrical circuits; 5) Keep stoves, barbecue grills, fireplaces and chimneys grease- and debris-free; 6) Never leave anything cooking on the stove unattended; 7) Keep portable heaters and open flames, like candles, away from flammable materials; 8) Don't let rubbish accumulate.

Keep alarms clean, and test them weekly. Replace alarms immediately if they are not working properly. Smoke Alarms that do not work cannot alert you to a fire. Keep at least one working fire extinguisher on every floor, and an additional one in the kitchen. Have fire escape ladders or other reliable means of escape from an upper floor in case stairs are blocked.

## BEFORE YOU INSTALL THIS SMOKE ALARM

**Important!** Read "Recommended Locations for Smoke Alarms" and "Locations to Avoid for Smoke Alarms" before beginning. This unit monitors the air, and when smoke reaches its sensing chamber, it alarms. It can give you more time to escape before fire spreads. This unit can ONLY give an early warning of developing fires if it is installed, maintained and located where smoke can reach it, and where all residents can hear it, as described in this manual. This unit will not sense gas, heat, or flame. It cannot prevent or extinguish fires.

**Understand The Different Type of Smoke Alarms**
Battery powered or electrical? Different Smoke Alarms provide different types of protection. See "About Smoke Alarms" for details.

**Know Where To Install Your Smoke Alarms**
Fire Safety Professionals recommend at least one Smoke Alarm on every level of your home, in every bedroom, and in every bedroom hallway or separate sleeping area. See "Recommended Locations For Smoke Alarms" and "Locations To Avoid For Smoke Alarms" for details.

**Know What Smoke Alarms Can and Can't Do**
A Smoke Alarm can help alert you to fire, giving you precious time to escape. It can only sound an alarm once smoke reaches the sensor. See "Limitations of Smoke Alarms" for details.

**Check Your Local Building Codes**
This Smoke Alarm is designed to be used in a typical single-family home. It alone will not meet requirements for boarding houses, apartment buildings, hotels or motels. See "Special Compliance Considerations" for details.

**⚠WARNING!**
- **This unit will not alert hearing impaired residents. It is recommended that you install special units which use devices like flashing strobe lights to alert hearing impaired residents.**
- **Unit will not operate without battery power. The Smoke Alarm cannot work until you install the batteries in the correct position (Match "+" to "+" and "-" to "-").**
- **This Smoke Alarm has a battery drawer which resists closing unless batteries are installed.**

**⚠CAUTION!**
- **Do not install this unit over an electrical junction box. Air currents around junction boxes can prevent smoke from reaching the sensing chamber and prevent the unit from alarming. Only AC powered units are intended for installation over junction boxes.**
- **Do not stand too close to the unit when the alarm is sounding. It is loud to wake you in an emergency. Exposure to the horn at close range may harm your hearing.**
- **Do not paint over the unit. Paint may clog the openings to the sensing chamber and prevent the unit from operating properly.**

## STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO PROGRAMMING THIS ALARM

### *FOR FIRST TIME AND WHEN CHANGING BATTERIES*

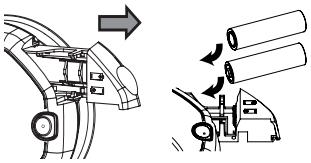
| Action: | Alarm Will Say: |
|---|---|
| 1. Insert batteries (2, AA batteries). | "Welcome, First Alert Smoke Alarm."<br>"No location programmed" if ***first time*** or "[Location, example: "Basement"] location programmed" when changing batteries.<br>"To select location, press and hold test button now." |
| 2. Press & Hold Test Button if you would like to program the location or change the location of the Alarm. Release button after Alarm responds. | "To save location, press and hold test button after location is heard." Alarm will speak list of locations (see below). |
| 3. After you hear the location of where you are placing the Alarm, Press & Hold the Test Button. | "[Location, example: "Basement"] location saved."<br>If no location is chosen: "No location saved." |

Your Alarm has now been programmed for the location of your choice. Available locations:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Basement | Kitchen | Child's Bedroom |
| Living Room | Dining Room | Master Bedroom |
| Family Room | No Location | Guest Bedroom |
| Office | Hallway | Utility Room |

## ADDING AND LINKING ADDITIONAL ONELINK® ALARMS

**NOTE: Steps 1 through 3 below need to be completed within two minutes. If more than two minutes pass, the Green power LED will stop blinking. Simply open the battery drawer of the second Alarm and repeat steps 1 through 3.**



1. Insert the batteries into the battery drawer of the **next** Alarm. DO NOT CLOSE THE DRAWER.
2. Press and hold the test button and then close the battery drawer.
3. Once you hear the unit chirp, release the test button. The Green power LED will start to blink indicating the ONELINK® Alarm is waiting for program data from one of the other setup ONELINK® Alarms.
4. Press and hold the test button on the first Alarm, until the second Alarm chirps and its Green power LED stops blinking. Then release the test button.
5. If you purchased a Talking Smoke Alarm, you will now be prompted to set the Alarm's location. Follow the directions given by the Alarm.
6. If you have purchased the hardwired battery back-up ONELINK® Alarm, you can now connect the hardwired Alarm by installing the three-wire connector on the ceiling to the Alarm.
7. Repeat steps 1-6 for additional ONELINK® Alarms.

**You have now successfully linked your new ONELINK® Alarms. To add additional Alarms at a later time, follow steps 1 through 6.**

### *WHAT YOU WILL SEE AND HEAR WITH THIS ALARM*

**Under Normal Operations**
**Voice:** Silent
**Horn:** Silent
**Power LED:** Flashes Green once/minute

**When You Test the Alarm**
**Voice:** "Testing." **Horn:** 3 beeps, pause, 3 beeps; **Voice:** "Warning, evacuate smoke in [Location, example: "Basement"]. Evacuate."
**Smoke LED:** Flashes Red in sync with the horn pattern

**If Battery Becomes Low or is Missing**
**Voice:** "Replace battery in [Location, example "Basement"]." Repeated every 5 hours
**Horn:** chirps once a minute
**Power LED:** Flashes Green On for 2 seconds/Off for 2 seconds. Low Battery Latch is now engaged.

**If Alarm is Not Operating Properly (MALFUNCTION SIGNAL)**
**Voice:** "Detector error in [Location, example "Basement"], please see manual." Repeated every 5 hours
**Horn:** Three rapid chirps every minute
**Smoke LED:** Flashes approximately once a minute

**Smoke is Detected**
**Horn:** 3 beeps, pause, repeating 3 times
**Voice:** "Warning, evacuate smoke in [Location, example: "Basement"]. Evacuate."
**Smoke LED:**
During Alarm: Flashes Red in sync with the horn pattern.
After Alarm: Flashes Red On for 2 seconds/Off for 2 seconds. Smoke Alarm Latch is now engaged.

**Smoke Alarm is Silenced**
**Horn:** Off
**Smoke LED:** Flashes Red

## WIRELESS OPERATION

First Alert® ONELINK® Technology is the easy, cost-effective way to provide your family with whole-home safety. All ONELINK® Alarms communicate with each other without wires or connectors. When one Alarm sounds, they all sound. This provides your family with an earlier warning of potential danger, and gives you more time to react.

The communication distance (range) between any two ONELINK® Alarms is typically 50 feet (15 meters) inside of a home. Some features of a home, such as the number of floors, number/size of rooms, furniture and types of building materials used may reduce the range of the Alarms.
Examples include: suspended ceilings, ductwork, large metallic appliances (refrigerators) and metal studs. A feature of ONELINK® Alarms is that they operate as a mesh network. All Alarms will repeat any alarm signal that is received to all other ONELINK® Alarms. Interference from structural conditions can be overcome by adding additional Alarms to route the wireless signal around obstructions.

### IMPORTANT!

- **The range and proper operation of any wireless device will vary depending on its surroundings. It is very important that each Alarm is tested individually before and after installation to make sure that all Alarms respond properly.**
- **The ONELINK® Alarms are not to be used outdoors or to transmit between buildings. The Alarms will not communicate properly under these conditions.**
- **Metal objects and metallic wallpaper may interfere with signals from wireless Alarms. Alarms should be tested after changes to your home such as remodeling, moving furniture, and with metal doors opened and closed.**

Your First Alert® ONELINK® Smoke Alarm will automatically communicate potential fires with all other First Alert® ONELINK® Smoke Alarms.

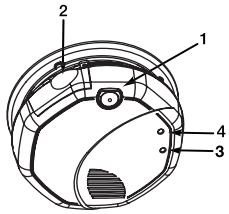
**FCC NOTICE:** This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.
FCC ID: M7U5001L

### ⚠CAUTION!

**Changes or modifications not expressly approved by BRK Brands, Inc. could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.**

# HOW TO INSTALL THIS SMOKE ALARM

## THE PARTS OF THIS SMOKE ALARM




1. Test/Silence button
2. Battery drawer
3. Power indicator LED
4. Smoke Alarm LED

## TOOLS YOU WILL NEED:

**This unit is designed to be mounted on the ceiling, or on the wall if necessary.**

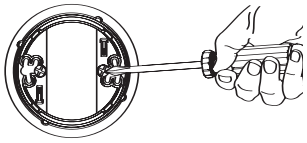
- Pencil
- Drill with 3/16" (5 mm) drill bit
- Phillips screwdriver
- Hammer
- Pliers to activate optional "tamper-resistant" locking features

**IMPORTANT!**

**If you want to lock the battery drawer, or lock the Smoke Alarm to the mounting bracket, please read the "Optional Locking Features" section before you begin installation.**

## FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS!

1. Hold base firmly and twist the mounting bracket counterclockwise to separate it from the base.
2. Hold the mounting bracket against the ceiling (or wall) so the vertical mounting slot is aligned in the 12 o'clock position and trace around the inside of the mounting slots (vertical and horizontal mounting).
3. Put the unit where it won't get covered with dust when you drill the mounting holes.
4. Using a 3/16" (5 mm) drill bit, drill a hole through the center of the oval outlines you traced.
5. Insert the plastic screw anchors (in the plastic bag with screws) into the holes. Tap the screw anchors gently with a hammer, if necessary, until they are flush with the ceiling or wall.
6. Line the mounting bracket up over the plastic screw anchors.
7. Screw the mounting bracket to the ceiling or wall through the mounting slots using the two screws provided.



8. Attach the Smoke Alarm to the mounting bracket. Line up the guides on the alarm's base with the guides on the mounting bracket. When guides are lined up, turn the base clockwise (right) until it snaps into place.

   **NOTE: Once the Smoke Alarm is snapped onto the mounting bracket, you can rotate the Smoke Alarm to adjust the alignment.**
9. Test the Smoke Alarm. See "Weekly Testing."

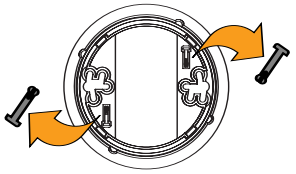
# OPTIONAL LOCKING FEATURES

**The optional locking features are designed to prevent unauthorized removal of the battery or alarm. It is not necessary to activate the locks in single-family households where unauthorized battery or alarm removal is not a concern.**

These Smoke Alarms have two separate locking features: one to lock the battery compartment, and the other to lock the Smoke Alarm to the mounting bracket. You can choose to use either feature independently, or use them both.

**Tools you will need: • Needle-nose pliers • Standard flathead screwdriver.**

Both locking features use locking pins, which are molded into the mounting bracket. Depending on which locking features you use, remove one or both pins from the mounting bracket using needle-nose pliers.



**IMPORTANT!**

**To permanently remove either locking pin, insert a flathead screwdriver between the locking pin and the lock, and pry the pin out of the lock.**

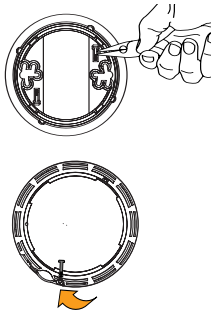
## TO LOCK THE BATTERY COMPARTMENT

**Do not lock the battery compartment until you install the batteries and test the Smoke Alarm.**

**IMPORTANT!**

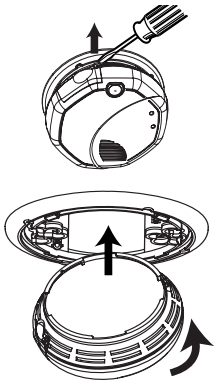
**If the unit does not alarm during testing, DO NOT lock the battery compartment! Install new batteries and test again. If the Smoke Alarm still does not alarm, replace it immediately.**

1. Using needle-nose pliers, detach one locking pin from the mounting bracket.
2. After batteries are inserted, then push the locking pin through the hole near the battery door latch on the back of the Smoke Alarm.



## TO UNLOCK THE BATTERY COMPARTMENT

1. Remove the Smoke Alarm from the mounting bracket. If the unit is locked to the bracket, see the section "To Unlock the Mounting Bracket."
2. Insert a flathead screwdriver under the head of the locking pin, and gently pry it out of the battery compartment lock. (If you plan to relock the battery compartment, save the locking pin.)
3. To relock the battery compartment, close the battery door and reinsert locking pin in lock.
4. Reattach the Smoke Alarm to the mounting bracket.

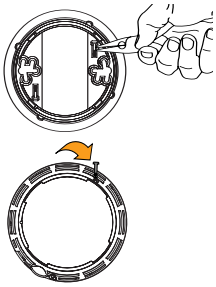


**IMPORTANT!**

**When replacing the batteries, always test the Smoke Alarm before relocking the battery compartment.**

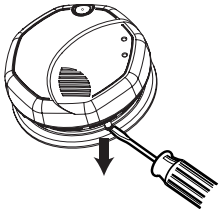
## TO LOCK THE MOUNTING BRACKET

1. Using needle-nose pliers, detach one locking pin from the mounting bracket.
2. Insert the locking pin through the hole on the back of the Smoke Alarm as shown in the diagram.
3. When you attach the Smoke Alarm to the mounting bracket, the locking pin's head will fit into a notch on the bracket.



## TO UNLOCK THE MOUNTING BRACKET

1. Insert a flathead screwdriver into the rectangular cut-out on the mounting bracket nearest to the locking pin.
2. Pry the Smoke Alarm away from the bracket by pushing up on the screwdriver and turning the Smoke Alarm counterclockwise (left) at the same time.



## WEEKLY TESTING

**⚠WARNING!**

- **NEVER use an open flame of any kind to test this unit. You might accidentally damage or set fire to the unit or to your home. The built-in test switch accurately tests the unit's operation as required by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL).**
- **If the Alarm ever fails to test properly, replace it immediately. Products under warranty may be returned to the manufacturer for replacement. See "Limited Warranty" for details.**
- **DO NOT stand close to the alarm when the horn is sounding. Exposure at close range may be harmful to your hearing. When testing, step away when horn starts sounding.**

**It is important to test this unit every week to make sure it is working properly.** Using the test button is the recommended way to test this Smoke Alarm. Press and hold the test button on the cover of the unit until the alarm sounds (the unit may continue to alarm for a few seconds after you release the button). If it does not alarm, make sure the unit is receiving power (LED will flash approximately once a minute indicating it has power); and test it again. If it still does not alarm, replace it immediately. During testing you will hear a loud, repeating horn pattern: 3 beeps, pause, 3 beeps, pause.

## REGULAR MAINTENANCE

This unit has been designed to be as maintenance free as possible, but there are a few simple things you must do to keep it working properly.

**⚠WARNING!**

**Use only the replacement batteries listed below. The unit may not operate properly with other batteries. Never use rechargeable batteries since they may not provide a constant charge.**

- Test it at least once a week.
- Clean the Smoke Alarm at least once a month; gently vacuum off any dust using your household vacuum's soft brush attachment, and test the Smoke Alarm after cleaning. Never use water, cleaners or solvents since they may damage the unit.
- If the Smoke Alarm becomes contaminated by excessive dirt, dust and/or grime, and cannot be cleaned to avoid unwanted alarms, replace the unit immediately.
- Relocate the unit if it sounds frequent unwanted alarms. See "Locations to Avoid For Smoke Alarms" for details.
- When the battery becomes weak, the Smoke Alarm unit will "chirp" approximately once a minute (the low battery warning). This low battery warning should last for up to 30 days, but you should replace the battery immediately to continue your protection.

**Choosing a replacement battery:**

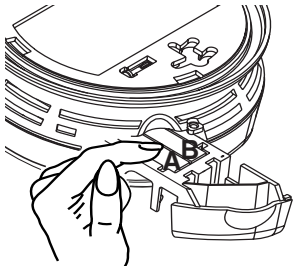
Your Smoke Alarm requires 2 "AA" Energizer E91 batteries. **These batteries are available at many local retail stores.**

**IMPORTANT!**

Actual service life depends on the Smoke Alarm and the environment in which it is installed. All the batteries specified above are acceptable replacement batteries for this unit. Regardless of the manufacturer's suggested battery life, you MUST replace the battery immediately once the unit starts "chirping" (the "low battery warning").

**To replace the batteries (without removing Alarm from the ceiling or wall):**

1. Open the battery compartment.
2. Press tabs A and B as shown in the diagram and remove each battery.
3. Insert the new batteries, making sure they snap completely into the battery compartment. Match the terminals on the ends of the batteries with the terminals on the unit.
4. Close the battery compartment, and then test the unit by pressing the Test/Silence button.




## IF THIS SMOKE ALARM SOUNDS

### RESPONDING TO AN ALARM

**During an alarm, you will hear a loud, repeating horn pattern: 3 beeps, pause, 3 beeps, pause. The red LED will flash rapidly.**

**⚠WARNING!**

- **If the unit alarms and you are not testing the unit, it is warning you of a potentially dangerous situation that requires your immediate attention. NEVER ignore any alarm. Ignoring the alarm may result in injury or death.**
- **Never remove the batteries from a battery operated Smoke Alarm to stop an unwanted alarm (caused by cooking smoke, etc.). Removing batteries disables the alarm so it cannot sense smoke, and removes your protection. Instead open a window or fan the smoke away from the unit. The alarm will reset automatically.**
- **If the unit alarms get everyone out of the house immediately.**

### WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF FIRE

- Don't panic; stay calm. Follow your family escape plan.
- Get out of the house as quickly as possible. Don't stop to get dressed or collect anything.
- Feel doors with the back of your hand before opening them. If a door is cool, open it slowly. Don't open a hot door. Keep doors and windows closed, unless you must escape through them.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a cloth (preferably damp). Take short, shallow breaths.
- Meet at your planned meeting place outside your home, and do a head count to make sure everybody got out safely.
- Call the Fire Department as soon as possible from outside. Give your address, then your name.
- Never go back inside a burning building for any reason.
- Contact your Fire Department for ideas on making your home safer.

**⚠WARNING!**

**Alarms have various limitations. See "Limitations of Smoke Alarms" for details.**

### USING THE SILENCE FEATURE

The Silence Feature can temporarily quiet an unwanted alarm for up to 15 minutes. To use this feature, press the "Push to Test/Silence" button on the cover. **If the unit will not silence and no heavy smoke is present, or if it stays in silence mode continuously, it should be replaced immediately**. The LED will continue to flash rapidly while in silence.

**⚠WARNING!**

**The Silence Feature does not disable the unit—it makes it temporarily less sensitive to smoke. For your safety, if smoke around the unit is dense enough to suggest a potentially dangerous situation, the unit will stay in alarm or may re-alarm quickly. If you do not know the source of the smoke, do not assume it is an unwanted alarm. Not responding to an alarm can result in property loss, injury, or death.**

### SILENCING THE LOW BATTERY WARNING

This silence feature can temporarily quiet the low battery warning "chirp" for up to 8 hours. You can silence the low battery warning "chirp" by pressing the Test/Silence button on the alarm cover.

Once the low battery warning "chirp" silence feature is activated, the unit continues to flash the Green light twice a minute for 8 hours. After 8 hours, the low battery "chirp" will resume. **Replace the batteries as soon as possible; this unit will not operate without battery power!**

**To deactivate this feature:** Press the Test/Silence button again. The unit will go into Test Mode and the low battery warning will resume (LED flashes and unit sounds "chirp" once a minute).

### LATCHING FEATURES

**Alarm Latch** is activated after an Alarm is exposed to alarm levels of smoke. After smoke levels drop below alarm levels, the **"Smoke"** Red LED will begin to flash On for 2 seconds/Off for 2 seconds. It will continue to flash or "latch" for about 15 minutes, to give you time to determine which unit initiated the alarm.

**Low Battery Latch** is activated when the Alarm is in the "low battery condition". When this occurs, the **Power** LED flashes Green On for 2 seconds/Off for 2 seconds for about 15 minutes. This feature is designed to help you identify which Alarm needs to have the battery replaced. Although, the Alarm will sound the low battery chirp approximately once every minute, sometimes during the initial stages of "low battery", the Alarm will chirp in greater intervals than one minute, sometimes up to several hours, until the battery reaches a steady low battery level. This innovative feature eliminates the frustration of waiting for and/or identifying which unit is chirping.

## IF YOU SUSPECT A PROBLEM

Smoke Alarms may not operate properly because of dead, missing or weak batteries, a build-up of dirt, dust or grease on the Smoke Alarm cover, or installation in an improper location. Clean the Smoke Alarm as described in "Regular Maintenance," and install a fresh battery, then test the Smoke Alarm again. If it fails to test properly when you use the test button, or if the problem persists, replace the Smoke Alarm immediately.

- **If you hear a "chirp" about once a minute, replace the battery.**
- **If you experience frequent non-emergency alarms (like those caused by cooking smoke), try relocating the Smoke Alarm.**
- **If the alarm sounds when no smoke is visible, try cleaning or relocating the Smoke Alarm. The cover may be dirty.**
- **If the alarm does not sound during testing, try installing a new battery, and make sure it is snapped in securely.**
- **If the alarm sounds 3 rapid "chirps" every minute; LED flashes approximately once a minute. MALFUNCTION: the device is not working properly and needs to be replaced.**

**Do not try fixing the alarm yourself – this will void your warranty!**

If the Smoke Alarm is still not operating properly, and it is still under warranty, please see "How to Obtain Warranty Service" in the Limited Warranty.

## RECOMMENDED LOCATIONS FOR SMOKE ALARMS

**Installing Smoke Alarms in Single-Family Residences**

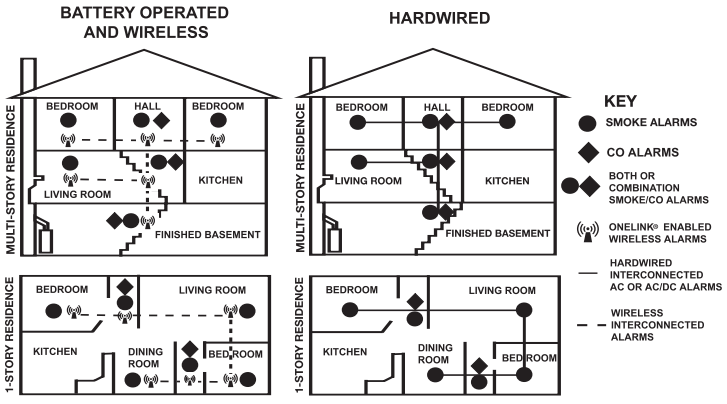
The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), recommends one Smoke Alarm on every floor, in every sleeping area, and in every bedroom. In new construction, the Smoke Alarms must be AC powered and interconnected. See "Agency Placement Recommendations" for details. For additional coverage, it is recommended that you install a Smoke Alarm in all rooms, halls, storage areas, finished attics, and basements, where temperatures normally remain between 40˚ F (4˚ C) and 100˚ F (38˚ C). Make sure no door or other obstruction could keep smoke from reaching the Smoke Alarms.

**More specifically, install Smoke Alarms:**

- On every level of your home, including finished attics and basements.
- Inside every bedroom, especially if people sleep with doors closed.
- In the hall near every sleeping area. If your home has multiple sleeping areas, install a unit in each. If a hall is over 40 feet (12 meters) long, install an alarm at each end.
- At the top of the first-to-second floor stairway, and at bottom of basement stairway.

### IMPORTANT!

Specific requirements for Smoke Alarm installation vary from state to state and from region to region. Check with your local Fire Department for current requirements in your area. **It is recommended AC or AC/DC units be interconnected for added protection.**




## AGENCY PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

**NFPA 72 (National Fire Code) Chapter 11**

"For your information, the National Fire Protection Association's Standard 72, reads as follows:

**"11.5.1 One- and Two-Family Dwelling Units."**

**"11.5.1.1 Smoke Detection.** Where required by applicable laws, codes, or standards for the specified occupancy, approved single- and multiple-station Smoke Alarms shall be installed as follows: (1) In all sleeping rooms Exception: Smoke Alarms shall not be required in sleeping rooms in existing one- and two-family dwelling units. (2) Outside of each separate sleeping area, in immediate vicinity of the sleeping rooms. (3) On each level of the dwelling unit, including basements Exception: In existing one- and two family dwelling units, approved Smoke Alarms powered by batteries are permitted."

**"A.11.8.3 Are More Smoke Alarms Desirable?** The required number of Smoke Alarms might not provide reliable early warning protection for those areas separated by a door from the areas protected by the required Smoke Alarms. For this reason, it is recommended that the householder consider the use of additional Smoke Alarms for those areas for increased protection. The additional areas include the basement, bedrooms, dining room, furnace room, utility room, and hallways not protected by the required Smoke Alarms. The installation of Smoke Alarms in kitchens, attics (finished or unfinished), or garages is not normally recommended, as these locations occasionally experience conditions that can result in improper operation."

## LOCATIONS TO AVOID FOR SMOKE ALARMS

**For best performance, it is recommended you AVOID installing Smoke Alarms in these areas:**

- Where combustion particles are produced. Combustion particles form when something burns. Areas to avoid include poorly ventilated kitchens, garages, and furnace rooms. Keep units at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the sources of combustion particles (stove, furnace, water heater, space heater) if possible. In areas where a 20-foot (6-meter) distance is not possible – in modular, mobile, or smaller homes, for example – it is recommended the Smoke Alarm be placed as far from these fuel-burning sources as possible. The placement recommendations are intended to keep these Alarms at a reasonable distance from a fuel-burning source, and thus reduce "unwanted" alarms. Unwanted alarms can occur if a Smoke Alarm is placed directly next to a fuel-burning source. Ventilate these areas as much as possible.
- In air streams near kitchens. Air currents can draw cooking smoke into the sensing chamber of a Smoke Alarm near the kitchen.
- In very damp, humid or steamy areas, or directly near bathrooms with showers. Keep units at least 10 feet (3 meters) away from showers, saunas, dishwashers, etc.
- Where the temperatures are regularly below 40˚ F (4˚ C) or above 100˚ F (38˚ C), including unheated buildings, outdoor rooms, porches, or unfinished attics or basements.
- In very dusty, dirty, or greasy areas. Do not install a Smoke Alarm directly over the stove or range. Keep laundry room Smoke Alarms free of dust or lint.
- Near fresh air vents, ceiling fans, or in very drafty areas. Drafts can blow smoke away from the unit, preventing it from reaching the sensing chamber.
- In insect infested areas. Insects can clog openings to the sensing chamber and cause unwanted alarms.
- Less than 12 inches (305mm) away from fluorescent lights. Electrical "noise" can interfere with the sensor.
- In "dead air" spaces. "Dead air" spaces may prevent smoke from reaching the Smoke Alarm.

**Avoiding Dead Air Spaces**

"Dead air" spaces may prevent smoke from reaching the Smoke Alarm. To avoid dead air spaces, follow the installation recommendations below.

**On ceilings,** install Smoke Alarms as close to the center of the ceiling as possible. If this is not possible, install the Smoke Alarm at least 4 inches (102 mm) from the wall or corner.

**For wall mounting** (if allowed by building codes), the top edge of Smoke Alarms should be placed between 4 and 12 inches (102 and 305 mm) from the wall/ceiling line, below typical "dead air" spaces.

**On a peaked, gabled, or cathedral ceiling,** install the first Smoke Alarm within 3 feet (0.9 meters) of the peak of the ceiling, measured horizontally. Additional Smoke Alarms may be required depending on the length, angle, etc. of the ceiling's slope. Refer to NFPA 72 for details on requirements for sloped or peaked ceilings.

## ABOUT SMOKE ALARMS

**Battery (DC) operated Smoke Alarms:** Provide protection even when electricity fails, provided the batteries are fresh and correctly installed. Units are easy to install, and do not require professional installation.

**AC powered Smoke Alarms:** Can be interconnected so if one unit senses smoke, all units alarm. They do not operate if electricity fails.
**AC with battery (DC) back-up:** will operate if electricity fails, provided the batteries are fresh and correctly installed. AC and AC/DC units must be installed by a qualified electrician.

**ONELINK® Smoke Alarms with battery (DC) back-up:** Interconnects with all ONELINK® enabled Smoke and Smoke/CO Alarms without wires or connectors, so when one alarm sounds, they all sound. Will operate if electricity fails, provided the batteries are fresh and correctly installed. Units are easy to install, and do not require professional installation.

**Smoke Alarms for Solar or Wind Energy users and battery backup power systems:** AC powered Smoke Alarms should only be operated with true or pure sine wave inverters. Operating this Smoke Alarm with most battery-powered UPS (uninterruptible power supply) products or square wave or "quasi sine wave" inverters **will damage the Alarm**. If you are not sure about your inverter or UPS type, please consult with the manufacturer to verify.

**Smoke Alarms for the hearing impaired:** Special purpose Smoke Alarms should be installed for the hearing impaired. They include a visual alarm and an audible alarm horn, and meet the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act. Can be interconnected so if one unit senses smoke, all units alarm.

**Smoke alarms are not to be used with detector guards** unless the combination has been evaluated and found suitable for that purpose.

All these Smoke Alarms are designed to provide early warning of fires if located, installed and cared for as described in the user's manual, and if smoke reaches them. If you are unsure which type of Smoke Alarm to install, refer to Chapter 2 of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 72 (National Fire Alarm Code) and NFPA 101 (Life Safety Code). National Fire Protection Association, One Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269-9101. Local building codes may also require specific units in new construction or in different areas of the home.

## SPECIAL COMPLIANCE CONSIDERATIONS

**⚠WARNING!**

**This Smoke Alarm alone is not a suitable substitute for complete fire detection systems in places housing many people—like apartment buildings, condominiums, hotels, motels, dormitories, hospitals, long-term health care facilities, nursing homes, day care facilities, or group homes of any kind—even if they were once single-family homes. It is not a suitable substitute for complete fire detection systems in warehouses, industrial facilities, commercial buildings, and special-purpose non-residential buildings which require special fire detection and alarm systems. Depending on the building codes in your area, this Smoke Alarm may be used to provide additional protection in these facilities.**

**The following information applies to all four building types below:**

In new construction, most building codes require the use of AC or AC/DC powered Smoke Alarms only. In existing construction, AC, AC/DC, or DC powered Smoke Alarms can be used as specified by local building codes. Refer to NFPA 101 (Life Safety Code) or NFPA 72 (National Fire Alarm Code), local building codes, or consult your Fire Department for detailed fire protection requirements in buildings not defined as "households."

**1. Single-Family Residence:**
Single family home, townhouse. It is recommended Smoke Alarms be installed on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and in each bedroom hallway.

**2. Multi-Family or Mixed Occupant Residence:**
Apartment building, condominium. This Smoke Alarm is suitable for use in individual apartments or condos, provided a primary fire detection system already exists to meet fire detection requirements in common areas like lobbies, hallways, or porches. Using this Smoke Alarm in common areas may not provide sufficient warning to all residents or meet local fire protection ordinances/regulations.

**3. Institutions:**
Hospitals, day care facilities, long-term health care facilities. This Smoke Alarm is suitable for use in individual patient sleeping/resident rooms, provided a primary fire detection system already exists to meet fire detection requirements in common areas like lobbies, hallways, or porches. Using this Smoke Alarm in common areas may not provide sufficient warning to all residents or meet local fire protection ordinances/regulations.

**4. Hotels and Motels:**
Also boarding houses and dormitories. This Smoke Alarm is suitable for use inside individual sleeping/resident rooms, provided a primary fire detection system already exists to meet fire detection requirements in common areas like lobbies, hallways, or porches. Using this Smoke Alarm in common areas may not provide sufficient warning to all residents or meet local fire protection ordinances/regulations.

## LIMITATIONS OF SMOKE ALARMS

Smoke Alarms have played a key role in reducing deaths resulting from home fires worldwide. However, like any warning device, Smoke Alarms can only work if they are properly located, installed, and maintained, and if smoke reaches them. They are not foolproof.

**Smoke alarms may not waken all individuals.** Practice the escape plan at least twice a year, making sure that everyone is involved – from kids to grandparents. Allow children to master fire escape planning and practice before holding a fire drill at night when they are sleeping. If children or others do not readily waken to the sound of the smoke alarm, or if there are infants or family members with mobility limitations, make sure that someone is assigned to assist them in fire drill and in the event of an emergency. It is recommended that you hold a fire drill while family members are sleeping in order to determine their response to the sound of the smoke alarm while sleeping and to determine whether they may need assistance in the event of an emergency.

**Smoke Alarms cannot work without power.** Battery operated units cannot work if the batteries are missing, disconnected or dead, if the wrong type of batteries are used, or if the batteries are not installed correctly. AC units cannot work if the AC power is cut off for any reason (open fuse or circuit breaker, failure along a power line or at a power station, electrical fire that burns the electrical wires, etc.). If you are concerned about the limitations of battery or AC power, install both types of units.

**Smoke Alarms cannot detect fires if the smoke does not reach them.** Smoke from fires in chimneys or walls, on roofs, or on the other side of closed doors may not reach the sensing chamber and set off the alarm. That is why one unit should be installed inside each bedroom or sleeping area—especially if bedroom or sleeping area doors are closed at night—and in the hallway between them.

**Smoke Alarms may not detect fire on another floor or area of the home.** For example, a stand-alone unit on the second floor may not detect smoke from a basement fire until the fire spreads. This may not give you enough time to escape safely. That is why recommended minimum protection is at least one unit in every sleeping area, and every bedroom on every level of your home. Even with a unit on every floor, stand-alone units may not provide as much protection as interconnected units, especially if the fire starts in a remote area. Some safety experts recommend installing interconnected AC powered units with battery back-up (see "About Smoke Alarms") or professional fire detection systems, so if one unit senses smoke, all units alarm. Interconnected units may provide earlier warning than stand-alone units since all units alarm when one detects smoke.

**Smoke Alarms may not be heard.** Though the alarm horn in this unit meets or exceeds current standards, it may not be heard if: 1) the unit is located outside a closed or partially closed door, 2) residents recently consumed alcohol or drugs, 3) the alarm is drowned out by noise from stereo, TV, traffic, air conditioner or other appliances, 4) residents are hearing impaired or sound sleepers. Special purpose units, like those with visual and audible alarms, should be installed for hearing impaired residents.

**Smoke Alarms may not have time to alarm before the fire itself causes damage, injury, or death, since smoke from some fires may not reach the unit immediately. Examples of this include persons smoking in bed, children playing with matches, or fires caused by violent explosions resulting from escaping gas.**

**Smoke Alarms are not foolproof.** Like any electronic device, Smoke Alarms are made of components that can wear out or fail at any time. You must test the unit weekly to ensure your continued protection. Smoke Alarms cannot prevent or extinguish fires. They are not a substitute for property or life insurance.

**Smoke Alarms have a limited life.** The unit should be replaced immediately if it is not operating properly. You should always replace a Smoke Alarm after 10 years from date of purchase. Write the purchase date on the space provided on back of unit.

## LIMITED WARRANTY

BRK Brands, Inc., ("BRK") the maker of First Alert® brand products warrants that for a period of ten years from the date of purchase, this product will be free from defects in material and workmanship. BRK, at its option, will repair or replace this product or any component of the product found to be defective during the warranty period. Replacement will be made with a new or re-manufactured product or component. If the product is no longer available, replacement may be made with a similar product of equal or greater value. This is your exclusive warranty.

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**How to Obtain Warranty Service**

**Service:** If service is required, do not return the product to your retailer. In order to obtain warranty service, contact the Consumer Affairs Division at 1-800-323-9005, 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM Central Standard Time, Monday through Friday. To assist us in serving you, please have the model number and date of purchase available when calling.
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